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White Flour, White Sugar, White Lard Killed All But One In Scientific Test

What Illnesses Are They Foisting On Us .. And Our Loved Ones?

By J. Evard (Ed) Welch

Some time ago a lecture was given in New York City by Dr. Eugene Christian.

He told of an animal feeding test that was made to determine the food value of some of our everyday foods. The chemist took a group of 12 guinea pigs about 8 months old. At this age they were at their highest period of growth. He divided them into three groups. The first group he fed upon white bread white sugar and white lard. This was made into a cake and they ate it with unusual relish. The second group was fed upon the things from which white flour, white sugar and white lard are made; that is, raw crushed wheat, the unrefined raw sugar and the unrendered or uncooked fat. And the third group was fed upon the normal diet they would subsist upon if running wild.

At the end of a thirty day period the following results were obtained:

Group No. 3 fed upon the wild diet were in fair condition healthy and seemingly happy. They had shown a slight growth and gain in weight.

Group No. 1 fed upon the white flour, white sugar and white lard, were ALL DEAD but one. The huskiest of the group was still alive but almost blind, from a disease called Xerophthalmia, and paralyzed in his hind legs.

Group No. 2, fed upon unrefined foods, were in better condition than their brothers who had subsisted upon their wild diet.

This feeding test proved that these white devitalized foods are chemically dead AND WILL NOT OF THEMSELVES SUPPORT LIFE. It also proved that the three substances. WHEAT, RAW SUGAR AND RAW FAT from which these dead white foods are made ARE THE BEST AND MOST NOURISHING SUBSTANCES WE HAVE, AND CHEAPEST.

We are further told by this great doctor, that it is safe to say that about 25 per cent of the total food (measured in solids) eaten by both our children and adults, consists of these three dead foods. This partly explains our annual loss of 300,000 American children and the tremendous sacrifice of adult life, between 50 and 60.

Korean Diary

By DAVID PINCKNEY of Alameda Ward.

(Diary continued).

November 1, 1950.—I'm a messman again. It's not half as bad as on the Weigel. We serve only 800 on this carrier, the Cicily, compared to 2500 on the Weigel. We've received orders to pack ordance gear, etc. I hope we go to Itami where they have Jap messmen.

Received an Improvement Era. Would like to thank someone for it. The Boxer, the Phillipine Sea, Valley Forge and Leyte are all in port. That leaves the Badeong and us patrolling the Japanese Sea.

November 3.—Have been sending up a few strikes, but we've been flying mostly combat air patrols, spotting mines. Yesterday the excitement came in taking a small North Korean ship. One of our destroyers sank it after taking her crew of three off.

I'm now a genuine mess cook. What a job! Have been at sea 20 days, so its rice, spaghetti and beans, and then beans, spaghetti

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Oak. Stake News

By MILDRED M. FONTANA.

December 26 was the big evening for the Relief Society of Elmhurst ward. Thy entertained their husbands and the Stake Board at a fun fest. The most spectacular event of the evening was when 30 men modeled last year's ladies' millinery. Dancing, singing, eating and visiting made up the enjoyable program. A fire, burning in the huge fireplace, with the Three Wise Men riding their camels above, and Christmas decorations everywhere made it a pleasant seasonal affair.

Our returned missionary, Philip Humphries, who is studying to become a dentist, has become entangled in the matrimonial mesh that surrounds the BYU. Wedding bells in June. Marjorie Hyde, the lady of the "mesh," is the charming daughter of Patriarch and Mrs. Charles Hyde, a descendant of Orson Hyde, associate of the prophet, and an apostle. Marjorie sings the lead in the BYU opera, "The Marriage of Figero," this spring.

The annual banquet of the stake High Priests was held in Hayward's beautiful, newly completed chapel early in December. One of the features was the signing of the two scrolls which were sent to the Owen Stewarts in Illinois, on their mission, and to the Vinal Mauss', he being president of the Japanese Mission.

The Oakland stake Relief Society Board entertained their husbands at a gala party December 29, at the home of Veda Linford, stake literary leader.

The Oakland Stake Quarterly Conference assembles January 27 and 28, in the Oakland Chapel, at MacArthur and Webster.

Lou Ann Wright, daughter of our stake president and Mrs. Wright, is to be congratulated upon her completion of the Dental Nurse's course in San Francisco Dental Training School.

The first service to be held in Hayward ward's newly completed chapel was held Christmas eve. How we all rejoice with the good saints of Hayward in their large

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Tributes Paid Patriarch H. R. Fletcher At His Funeral Service, Oak. Chapel

By MILDRED M. FONTAIO.

The thousands of friends of Patriarch Harry R. Fletcher of Oakland Stake, California, were shocked to hear of his sudden death at the Fort Riley Veterans' Hospital in San Francisco, early Friday morning, December 15.

Elder Fletcher had been in the hospital for over two weeks, and then Thursday, December 14, had undergone an operation involving the prostate gland. His wife, Grace, and son, Milton, had visited him at the hospital on the evening of that day and had found him without pain and in excellent spirits.

PATRIARCH H. R. FLETCHER

But the subsequent morning at about 7:30 the doctor phoned to Milton's home where Grace was staying in San Francisco and informed the family that Harry R. had passed away quietly and peacefully earlier that morning from a heart attack.

The body was cared for by the Colonial Mortuary of Oakland and the funeral services were conducted in the Oakland chapel under the direction of Bishop Truman R. Nethercott at 2 p.m., Monday, December 18. A large audience from the bay area assembled to pay their last tributes to the well known and highly respected Church leader.

Prelude organ music was followed by a mixed quartette from Elmhurst ward rendering the hymn, "Oh, My Father," and opening prayer was voiced by stake president, Delbert F. Wright.

The first speaker, President Glen C. Shaw, declared that he liked to remember Brother Fletcher for the great sense of humor he displayed, evidenced by the twinkle in his eye and his chuckle and for his utter frankness and lack of guile with which he would chide one for his faults and praise him for his good deeds; his ready willingness to work for the furtherance of God's work and to go anytime anywhere to administer to the sick.

Elder Fletcher was an inspirer of youth, and his stories always had a purpose. If he could now speak to us he would say, "Keep the commandments." Our hearts are saddened, but let us rejoice that he has been with us. May God bless Grace Fletcher, his good wife.

Ray Darton, former bishop of Elmhurst ward, was the second speaker. He related that at the time he first came to Oakland a total stranger, Elder Fletcher was the first one to greet him and welcome him into the ward.

"He was always known as 'dad' in our home, and never hesitated to pat you on the back for good deeds and reprove you if you needed it. He gave me more courage and strength than anyone in our midst. Children loved him and would arise and bear their testimonies and pray for the recovery of him or his wife when illness came along. How his heart

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God Be With You Thru the New Year

The Messenger would like to take the usual opportunity of wishing everyone a personal blessing, a new release of power and joy, and a refreshing fullness of life in the 12 months of 1951.

We use the word "new" in speaking of the coming 365 days. The word "new" is also constantly used in describing the "everlasting covenant." It is referred to by the Lord as the **new and everlasting covenant.**

For Christ's saints the New Year can be joyfully "new" if we renew also our covenants.

The question may arise as to how this word "new" can be properly applied to a thing so old as that covenant which was made first with the father of the race, Adam, and with Abraham.

Isn't it rather the "old" and not the new covenant? No, it is really new: everlastingly fresh, budding, and new like an ever-new dawn.

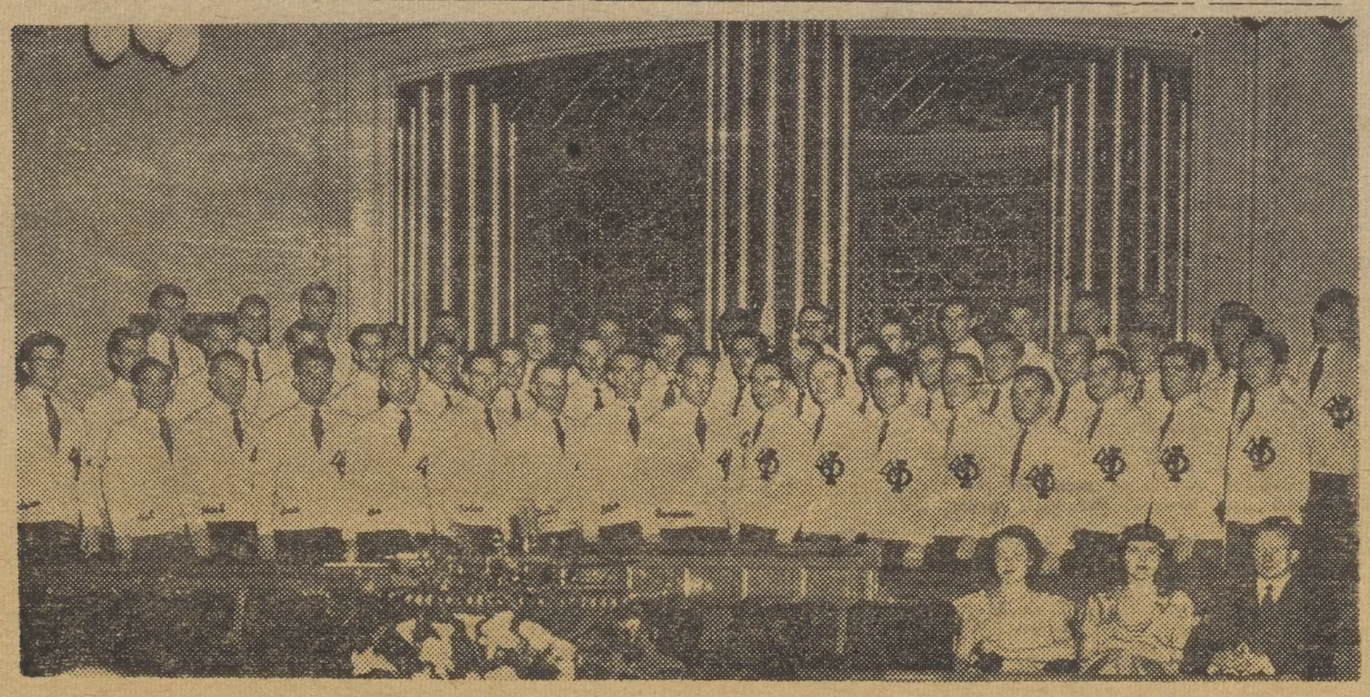
It is new in the sense, perhaps, that every day is a new beginning; every New Year is a challenging new lap in the race we are all running from the cradle to the grave.

New vistas of truth are ever on the horizon in the eternal quest of progress. If we remember that the **new and everlasting covenant** is but another name for the **fullness of the gospel of Jesus Christ,** perhaps the application of the word "new" will become apparent. As the old lyric goes:

"Love, sweet love,
That is a story
Covered with Glory
From heaven above.
Always new
When 'tis true,
Love, sweet love."

And the gospel of the Lord Jesus is the glad message of our Father's and Elder Brother's undying love for each single member of the human family. That love, when realized, accepted and returned, is "love, sweet love, always new because it's true."

Emerson is credited with saying that "great thoughts find us young and keep us so." The gospe is just that: the sum total of great soul-renewing thoughts. It keeps the spirit vibrantly young. New thoughts are ever unfolding to the soul that hungers. A happy New Year's triumphant progress thru the **new and everlasting covenant is our sincere wish for all.**



By ROBERT SANT, Director of Mormon Male Chorus. —photo by Ed Pyle

Oakland and Berkeley stakes crowded into the Berkeley chapel Tuesday night, December 19, to hear an inspiring concert sung by the 50-voiced male chorus of the Delta Phi honorary fraternity of returned missionaries, on tour from the BYU chapter. This Christmas concert tour included seven major engagements in Utah, Nevada and California, the expense being borne entirely by the chorus membership as a goodwill tour in promoting interest in the Field House project at the BYU.

Ardean Watts, music major at BYU, and gifted conductor of the chorus, has developed a musical organization capable of exceptionally pleasing performance. Their well-balanced program of contemporary American and folk music, classical choral arrangements, and modern and traditional Christmas music was enthusiastically received by the large audience.

Under the energetic direction of their young conductor the chorus seemed equally at ease with such deeply devotional music as MacFarlane's "Open Our Eyes," which was sung a cappella, and rollicking exerpts from Rogers' and Hammerstein's South Pacific.

Their joyful rendition of their song, "Dream Girl of Delta Phi," was particularly appealing, and so was the "dream girl" herself, Miss Lenore Bennion of Salt Lake City, who contributed not only eye-appeal but in a short informal talk spoke eloquently of the spiritual values obtained by attending BYU.

But it was in their stirring rendition of a special setting of "Onward Christian Soldier," that the full impact of their message reached the audience. Here were 50 young men of God, missionaries all, representative of thousands more, each having a testimony of the Divinity of Jesus Christ, and of this latter day work, lifting up their voices in joyous harmonies of praise, preaching the Brotherhood of Man and the Fatherhood of God through music.

Variety and contrast were deftly woven into the program by master of ceremonies Norman Wright, who introduced as soloists from the chorus Gaylen Harmon and Karl Farnsworth and a quartet composed of Robt. Smith, Demarr Rust, Sandy Walker and Lynne Penegar. Jean Slack, violinist, heightened the Christmas spirit by playing a beautiful violin arrangement of "The Holy City." Able accompanist for the group was Mrs. Ruby Fife, assisted at times by Keith Walker. Their versatile conductor, Ardean Watts, also appeared as piano soloist in a rendition of Chopin's "Polonaise in A flat."

Mirrored in the happy faces of the large throng that gathered in the recreation hall after the concert for an informal reception, was enthusiastic appreciation for what they had seen and heard. On everyone's lips were the words: "Thanks Ardean Watts and the Delta Phi chorus. You brought us beautiful music and spiritual refreshment."

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Santa Rosa Stake Formed

Murdock Made President

Sunday, Jan. 7, 1951, Apostle Stephen L. Richards and Alma Sonne, Asst. to the Twelve, met by appointment in a special meeting with members of former Berkeley stake wards—Carquinez, Napa and Vallejo—and also Fairfield branch, and with members of former branches—Willits, Lake Port, Ukiah, Santa Rosa, Petaluma, Sebastapol, Sonoma and San Rafael.

Elder Richards was sustained in his proposal that a new stake be formed, the Santa Rosa stake of 2843 members, of which 1562 resided formerly in Berkeley stake and 1281 in the Santa Rosa district of the Northern California Mission.

Pres. John L. Murdock chose as counsellors, Thos. C. Byrne, former president of the Santa Rosa district, and Bryant Knowlton of Napa ward. Eight stake high councillors were sustained as follows: Rex Bridges, William K. Davis, Glen Lowry, Mark Brockbank, Reed W. Keller, Benjamin Southwick, Otto Matthews and Ronald A. Cheney.

Henry L. Peterson, patriarch; Vera M. Sorensen, Relief Society president and Irene Hartup, Primary president, were also sustained.

San Rafael branch was joined to San Francisco stake, and Livermore branch to Oakland stake.

Elder Stephen L. Richards and Elder Sonne delivered kindly and eloquent sermons. President Harmon of Berkeley stake, Presidents Murdock, Byrne and Knowlton of Santa Rosa stake, and President Gardner of the Northern California Mission, addressed the meeting.

Six hundred ninety saints attended the services which were held in the Santa Rosa chapel at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Music was furnished by the San Rafael choir led by Mrs. Reed Richards, and by soloists and duets selected from that branch.

Berkeley Stake MIA Calendar

JANUARY 1951

Wednesday, 3—Stake Family Night .....Berkeley 7:30 p.m.
Friday, 12—Lucky Clover Dance .....Richmond 8:30 p.m.
Monday, 15—MIA Leadership Meeting .....Vallejo 7:30 p.m.
Friday, 19—Bee Hive - Scout Party .....Richmond 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, 20—Stake Priesthood Leadership Meeting
Berkeley 7:30 p.m.
Friday, 26—Junior M Men and Junior Gleaner Party
Location to be announced.

FEBRUARY 1951

Thursday, 1—Stake Road Show .....Martinez 8:00 p.m.
Friday, 2—Stake Road Show .....Berkeley 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, 3—Stake Road Show .....Vallejo 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, 7—Stake Family Night.....Berkeley 7:30 pm..
Friday, 9—Explorers—MIA Maids Rose Prom
Location to be announced
Friday, 16—Stake Sweetheart Ball....Scottish Rite Auditorium
(Joint with Oakland Stake) .....9:00 p.m.
Saturday, 17—Stake Priesthood Leadership Meeting
Berkeley ..... 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, 24—M Men Gleaner Party....Details to be announced

Wards will take advantage of the holiday period this year to complete plans and start rehearsals for the third annual road shows of the Berkeley Stake it was announced by Stake MIA officers last week.

The road shows are scheduled for showing on February 1, 2 and 3 at Martinez, Berkeley and Vallejo, in the order named. Each ward will present its offering at all wards and it is expected that nearly all wards of the stake will have an entry.

As in the past years acts which participate will be judged upon their own merits. There will be no first, second or third place awards but each act will be given a rating of superior, excellent, very good or honorable mention on the basis of earned points.

Points will be awarded for originality, theme, direction, acting music, participation and attendance.

All acts are required to be registered on or before January 15, and furnish sufficient material regarding the kind of act to be offered in order that proper preparations may be made to complete a well balanced program.

Elbert D. Thomas, Utah's Former U. S. Senator Named High Commissioner Of the Japanese Mandated Islands

Washington dispatches of Jan. 2, 1951, told of Doctor Thomas's new high honors in this position which has jurisdiction over 625 islands in the west Pacific. Included are the Caroline, Marshall, Marianne groups and also Bikini, Midway and Eniwotok. These 625 islands stretch from the equator to Japan, and from Hawaii to the Philippines. The total population is about 85,000. Some are self-supporting; some not.

Elbert D. Thomas is the brother to "Ken," Berkeley's former high councilor. Elbert speaks Japanese, having been a missionary to Japan in his youth. He understands the Far East as few others do, and is a deep student and former professor of political science, having taken his Ph.D degree in that field at the U. C., and also having held the chair in this field at the U. of U. for several years.

His assignment to this key position in these critical times in the great Pacific area is felt to be most fortunate. A salary in excess of $15,000 per year is rumored.

Maxwell Pk. Ward

By NORMA WILLIAMS, TR. 2-4692.

The ward has been especially busy this last month.

On November 28, a missionary farewell was held for Edward Briscoe. He is now serving in the Southern States Mission. The Briscoe family journeyed from their home in Santa Rosa to be with Eddie before he departed for Salt Lake.

The following night a farewell testimonial was held for Dorothy Vivian Williams, who is now laboring in the Great Lakes Mission.

Joyce Briscoe, who is in Silver Spring, Maryland, at present, writes about her wonderful missionary experiences, and of the Lord's blessings upon her and her family here at home. She is very happy in her work and wishes that the time would not pass so quickly.

On Tuesday, December 12, the Bee Hive girls, under the direction of Marge Hawkins and Ruth Thomas, presented a Christmas program before the MIA. In their skit the girls sang many Christmas songs. Barbara Wright and Jill Hawkins thrilled the audience when they sang "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town."

December 19 the Primary held a Christmas party for the ward. Santa Claus was there. giving wonderful presents to each boy and girl. The children presented a program for the adults. Everyone discovered that the children in the ward are filled with talents.

Have you been out to watch the basketball games this year? The fellows on the team have been playing some exciting games. Why not come out and cheer for them next Monday night?

As the new year is begun, many resolutions are made, and some resolutions are broken But it would be wise for all of us to remember something that Jesus said in His Sermon on the Mount:

"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal;
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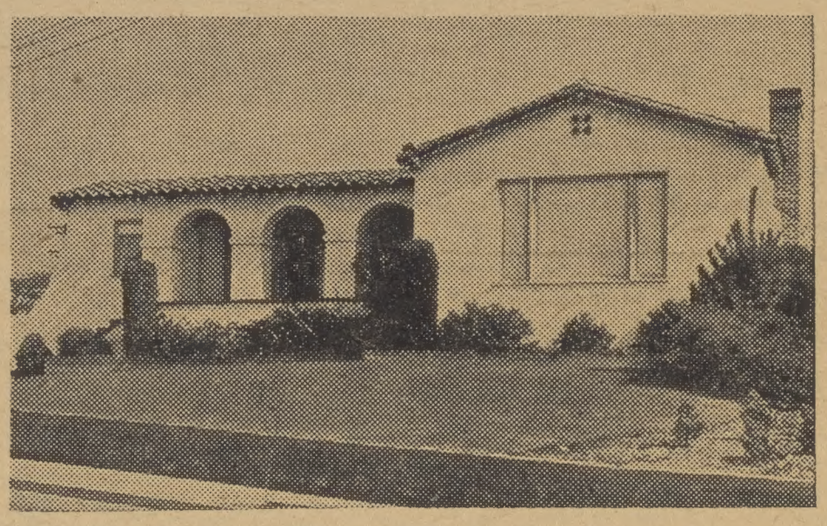
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Know Your High Council

JAMES H. KIRBY

Council advisor in the Berkeley stake to the Elders' Quorums and the Melchizdek Priesthood committee; he also is a member of the "no liquor, no tobacco" committee.

With his lovely wife and three little daughters and baby Jimmie he makes his home in Pittsburg. Sister Kirby was Vera Everett, a former lady missionary. Elder Kirby was born in Richmond, Utah, and spent his childhood in Cache Valley where he still visits "home folks." Moving to California in 1935 he accepted a position with Columbia Steel where he has ever since been a supervisor in the tin finishing department.

He has served his Church faithfully, as president of his deacon's quorum; assistant scout master; YMMIA stake board member; superintendent of MIA in Sacramento stake; assistant superintendent of Sunday School; stake missionary, counselor in Pittsburg Branch; bishop of that ward; and now as High Councillor. His ambition to become an Eagle Scout was satisfied while he was serving as bishop. He did a marvelous work among the interned German Prisoners of World War II at Camp Stoneman. His recreational activities are hunting and fishing.

Brother Kirby has a talent for music. Music is a part of the high spiritual atmosphere of the Kirby home. The three little Kirby girls sing three part trios, little Maryly (4) the alto, Sharon (8) sings soprano, and Kay (7) sings second soprano, in a repertoire of 20 songs. Jimmie will soon make a quartette.

Bro. and Sister Kirby live and understand the Gospel, and teach it to their lovely family in which they seem to be succeeding very nicely. They are also as lights set on a hill, giving of their inspiration and testimony to "all the world." Of such are the salt of the earth.—Anna Patton, stake reporter.

Claremont Ward

By GRACE MILLWARD

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

We rejoice in reporting to you that Lamont Carr has accepted a call to serve as a missionary in Germany. Lamont will depart for foreign lands in February.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Chandler, father and mother of Vera Riche, were house guests during the holidays at the Riche residence on Warring street.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Carr and Mrs. Sterling Carr were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Carr during Christmas vacation. All will remember C. C. Carr as Claremont ward's first bishop. We always enjoy having the Carrs return to our ward even tho their stays here are short.

The Marshall Stoddards have moved into their recently acquired home on Miranda street, Oakland. A large crowd of friends enjoyed a housewarming party New Year's eve at the Stoddard residence.

Barbara Burgan was home to spend the Christmas vacation.

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Scott on Dec. 2, 1950. You will remember the mother of this child as the former Roslyn Millward. May this little girl grow up to be as useful in our ward as her mother has been.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Luby had as Christmas guests the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Imes from Ogden.

Calvin Wood was recently sustained Sunday school organist and Darlene Dangerfield was sustained as ward organist. These two musicians should add much to our music department.

Edna Cardwell spent Christmas holidays with her children in Arcadia, California.

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Berkeley Ward

FIRST WARD

The many friends of Leon Edelfson, former ward member, and also bishop of Richmond some years ago, will be glad to know that he has successfully passed the state bar examination and has set up practice in Hayward where they are living on an acre site and active in that ward. He has been chief accountant at Macy's in San Francisco and studied law in the evenings.

Clyde and Janice Lindsay announce a new baby girl. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Crowover also have a fine baby girl. Her mother A. D. Garner and brother Paul, are here visiting from Detroit.

A. D. Ericksen, the teacher of the Gospel Doctrine class for several years, has been released with most hearty thanks for yoeman service. Many excellent tributes were paid to Elder Ericksen, who also served as bishop at the time of the installation of the organ, and was chairman of the building committee in the erection of the ward chapel. Thomas S. Ferguson will become class teacher, the subject for next year being the Book of Mormon and fitting in with the publication recently of his new book, "Ancient America and the Book of Mormon," with Dr. Milton Hunter as companion author.

The ward has enjoyed having home for the holidays many young people from Utah colleges. They included: from the BYU, Gwen Chace, Richard Huish, Tom Johnson, Elaine and George Sorensen, Eunice Harmon, Patsy Russell, Denzil Allen, Jr.; from the U. of U.: Mr. and Mrs. Scott M. Dunham, Shirley Rock and Barney Gardner. Rose Marie Dunham, from the LDS Business College, has also been home for a visit. From the University of Arizona came Catherine and Lee Kenner.

The ward bishopric wishes all the members the happiest New Year. They feel that in these troublesome times we should all put our houses in order and keep all the commandments and be ready for any eventualities. Particularly we should see that our young men are taught and counseled and encouraged in the Gospel so that they will be able to carry on in the proper spirit in case of calls into the service.

Reed Pierpont Gardner, son of Reed Gardner, is the first of our young men to receive a call into the federal service. He has gone to Camp Roberts. We wish him every blessing and cheer and success in his duties.

Our missionaries have all written greetings to the ward: Del Rock from Uruguay, Ronald (Bud) Stone from the Argentine, and Dean Rice from the Central Atlantic States Mission.

Tuesday between the holidays the M Men and Gleaners, the Junior M Men and the Junior Girls held a very lovely Christmas dancing party. On Saturday, December 30 the MIA held a two-ward dancing party.

December 24 Sunday School program enjoyed the Singing Mothers under Helga Evans, Helen Clovis and Grace Byack played a piano and organ duet, and Hazel Ball sang two vocal solos accompanied by Mary Burton. In the evening the joint choirs sang numbers and Frank Parsons gave the scripture readings: The chorus leaders were Sister Malstrom and Harold Dean Jensen.

Harry Crowther is spending most of his time lately in Petaluma where he is helping his son ready their home there. Alfred Caldwell has gone to spend some time with his son in Oregon.

Howard Nielson and wife—he the Sunday School superintendent, and she very active in literary lessons and readings—are moving to Palo Alto where he will do work for his PhD. in business administration He will do business and industrial research. He has lately been employed by the C&H Sugar Company in their San Francisco office in this same sort of research. The Nielsons have been in Berkeley for 19 months, coming here from Oregon U. where he took his master's degree; they have been very cooperative and popular and will be greatly missed.

Fairbanks Statute ---- Given Approval

An heroic size statue of Marcus Whitman, famed pioneer and medical missionary in the Pacific Northwest, was inspected an dapproved in Salt Lake last week by representatives of the Marcus Whitman Foundations Inc.

The statue, sculpted by Dr. Arvard Fairbanks, dean of the College of Fine Arts at the University of Utah, will be placed in Congressional Statuary Hall.

Dr. Fairbanks, said he had worked on the heroic size statue a year and a half. It is of Whitman striding forward with a Bible in his right hand and plans for settlement of the Pacific Northwest in his left hand.

Berkeley

Second Ward

Jack and Helen Eastmond and their children left for Provo on December 18. While we haven't heard from them since their arrival, Christmas greetings mailed at Truckee have been received which show their unusual talents. They have left a large vacancy in our war, and we shall remember for a long time to come the great work they did here.

The ward is very fortunate to have among its members Cliff and Grace Boyack to step into the vacancy left by Jack and Helen, with two boys and a girl to help them. Cliff fills the chair on the stand as a member of the bishopric very well, and his training and experience as a professional teacer, and his years of experience in MIA fit him well for the work he will have to do among our youth. Grace just DUZ everything so well, we have to be careful that we do not overwork her.

Our hearts go out to Reed and Muriel Meredith in the loss of their little son ,Stephen, who passed away December 21. We regret too that Reed has been transferred to Kansas City, Missouri, with the International Harvester Company, because we have enjoyed their association very much. Still we are happy to see Reed advance in his work and wish them happiness and further success in their new location.

Our love and prayers go to Leon and Kay Baer and their son, David, who is critically ill in the hospital. We can only say all things are done in the wisdom of Him who knoweth all things.

We have enjoyed having Leanore Ream, Wendell Walton, Charles Summerhays and Kenneth Leth home from the "Y" for the holidays. Instead of going back to school Wendell is going on a mission to the New England States. His missionary farewell testimonial was held January 4 at eight o'clock.

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The quorum's spirited "Eighth Quorum Witness" for December contains notice that the quorum will hold their quarterly social, a "Hardtime Dance", on the 26th of January, and that they invite all Adult Aaronic members also to attend.

The quorum is conducting a Church Book Display at the Martinez chapel and have also now prepared sketches of the requirements for their book binding project. Mention is made of the fact that food by the case can still be bought thru President David W. Clayton of the Third Quorum of Elders.

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Pres. Vinal G. Mauss and Japanese Mission Increase Building Gund Through Popular 'American Gashion Show'

The Japanese Mission is desperately in need of chapels, but the local saints have so little money that slow progress results. But Pres. Mauss and his helpers recently made a financially successful departure and put on an "American Fashion Show" in Tokio which netted about $1800 in one event.

With the professional help of Mrs. Fay Disbrow as one of the feature models, and as technical advisor, and with the ability of a finance committee of five able elders (including Armand Mauss) who secured enough advertising in the beautiful heavy paper, forty page brochure in color given free at the "show" to net the $1800 mentioned above, everyone had a jolly time and great satisfaction over the results.

Mrs. Disbrow, wife of an army captain and member of the church, was formerly associated with Earl Carrcll's of Hollywood as a model and dancer. The "show" was sponsored by the Tokio service branch of the Japanese Mission.

San Leandro Ward

By VERNA JACKSON.

A feeling of peace, goodwill and Christmas joy was indelibly left with the members of the San Leandro Ward this past Christmas Eve, and it is hoped that the spirit of the occasion will continue among us throughout the entire New Year.

"The Anniversary Story" was beautifully presented by the Ward Choir and the Relief Society Singing Mothers, with Sister Helene Christensen acting as narrator.

Even though the holiday season is always a busy time, our Ward has been highly entertained during this period in several ways, all of which represented many hours of busy people's time. The Beehive Girls and the Boy Scouts provided us with a fun evening the first part of December, including a one-act comedy entitled "The Necklace." The evening was under the capable direction of Elaine Beck, Verna Sorenson and Helene Noble.

H Later in the month the Mutual presented another one-act Christmas play, "Let's Be Sensible," directed by Mary Marsh. The players included Theresa Sims, Lorna Beach and Ina Fell. It was well done and the ladies deserve a great deal of credit.

The Ward Primary and Sunday School Christmas party was a big success, held the afternoon of December 21. The children presented the story of the birth of Jesus in Tableau form, after which the 89 kiddies present received Christmas stockings from Santa Claus.

On the evening of December 1, we all enjoyed a profitable ward carnival. Many beautiful articles had been made by the ladies of the Relief Society, and the home cooking was certainly inviting. A country store, sale of Christmas cards, the duck pond, a marionette show, darts, refreshments—all added up to a financial success. The Ward calendar which was also developed at the bazaar (and for his reason some names may not appear) hs been completed and has been mailed to each family in the ward. We hope you will enjoy it and make use of it during 1951.

We are thankful for the pleasant surroundings in which we meet—most certainly our new chapel added a great deal to the spirit of the Christmas services. It is the sincere wish of the Bishopric that we may keep a good feeling among us during this coming year, that we may cooperate with each other in every activity and unite ourselves as a ward family for happiness and success throughout 1951.

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Missionary March Of Progress Is On

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Not only are all past reecords being broken in the number of LDS missionariees in the full-time missions of the church, but also in the stakes of Zion the call has gone forth from the apostles for greatly augmented members to labor evenings in the enlarged stake missionary program in each stake.

At the November meeting held by Apostle Kimball in the Oakland ward chapel for all bay area stakes it was urged that we give special heed to carrying the gospel to the minority groups, particularly the Mexican, Chinese, Russians and Italians, and some others in this area, and in the meantime not forgetting the Anglo-Saxons who have had almost all of our attention up to the present.

The apostle pointed out that when we make converts among these minority groups they in turn can and naturally will lend a hand in carrying the gospel to their loved ones back in the mother countries and thus we shall be preaching the gospel to all nations, some of which are now barred to our missionaries.

In order to do this work and to fulfill the call of the apostles to our stakes, including especially the Mexican people among us who were up to this time the direct responsibility of the Spanish-American mission, each stake is asked to call into the stake mission from 100 to 150 devoted men and women. These are to go forth with zeal and joy in carrying the message of comfort and cheer that is the essence of the Restored Truth. It is a call that means renewed spiritual power to the persons who thus labor. This will be reflected in our meetings and associations and felt by all members.

It is a call that means great sacrifice of time and comfort, but the sacrifice really consists, it is pointed out, in exchanging small comforts for the great Comforter that makes every sacrifice an added joy, and every service a doorway to a fullness of life.

Martinez Ward

WHERE IS OUR OAKLAND TEMPLE

We might say it is to stand on the hill at the end of Coolidge Avenue near Skyline Boulevard in East Oakland overlooking Oakland and San Francisco and the bay.

But where is it now? Other than the Church owning the land, the Temple is only a DREAM—yet a dream every member in the Berkeley and Oakland Stakes could make true by setting their genealogical records in order.

What a grand opportunity for our Monday family nights, when each member of the family old enough to write could begin working on this inspiring project!

Martinez Ward's Genealogical Chairman, George Mosier, has a group of "home teachers" to help you in this work: Tom and Midge Fletcher, Mable Wadsworth, Fern Mosier, Ella Sarlston, in Martinez; Netta Skidmore and Wanda Roskelley in Concord; and Robert Patterson in Port Chicago. Any of these "home teachers" will help you in your home, at your earliest convenience. Contact George Mosier, 2025-J, for appointments.

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John G. Wimmer Dies

John Gardner Wimmer, 79, of Elmhurst ward, was a resident of Oakland for 30 years.

An active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Mr. Wimmer started the church's first Sunday School in the Elmhurst area.

Mr. Wimmer was a cousin of the John Wimmer ,who, as a boy, is credited with discovering the first gold nugget at Coloma, where the youth's father worked for John Sutter in the days before John Marshall made his historic find in 1848.

A native of Parowan, Utah, Mr. Wimmer came to Oakland about 1920. Illness forced his retirement from his work as a carpenter 12 years ago, but during World War II he served as guard at a local automotive factory. H died in a hospital here Saturday.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Effie Wimmer; four children, Aaron Wimmer, Leona Bennett, and Wanda Schleth, all of the Oakland area, and Wallace Wimmer of Portland; nine grandchildren—including Air Force Staff Sgt. Harvey L. Curry, now serving in the Orient—and three great-grandchildren.

Elder Wimmer was one of the most indomitable spirits that strokes, but went forward cheerily, fearlessly, until the end.

A great champion of the right has gone where he can continue his ministry for the Truth of the Master.

A New Year

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Another Valiant One

By GEORGE E. SOUTHGATE.

Thank God for Harry R. Fletcher ,as a man, as a servant of the Living God, as a believer and doer in the Church of God; for the warmth and depth of his soul; for his companionship; for his loyalty and devotion; for his smiles and sunshine—in the words of one writer, "He contributed so much to our happiness that we stand aghast at the magnitude of the dept we owe him."

We loved him dearly—his "way of life" was a living symbol of the Gospel's teachings.

FAITH: He was overflowing with it, a child-like faith, never doubting, never questioning, but boldly taking the Lord as His word, and acting accordingly.

REPENTANCE: This became a daily ceremony with Harry. His one great desire was to eradicate from his soul any and every trace of stain of a care-free early life; daily repentance with its accompanying forgiveness was a source of comfort and strength to him. He knew repentance in its true significance—a source of strength for the battles of today—and tomorrow rather than some disagreeable chore that one was compelled to recognize.

BAPTISM: Baptism spelled "everlasting covenant" to Harry; a covenant he was privileged to participate in, and to renew at each partaking of the sacrament.

THE HOLY GHOST was Heaven's Light and Inspiration to this noble soul. He heeded its whisperings, its admonitions, its comforting guidance. In brief, he was a man of God.

We learned much and gained much from this close association with Harry. And we are not unmindful of the part Grace played in this great drama. That wonderful little woman performed miracles upon the man she loved. And what a reward for all her labors! A Patriarch for a companion thru the Eternities, with joy and gladness in abundance. The separation will be painful; many a lonesome hour is in the offing, but love has and will find a way. For Grace there is a bright ray of sunshine for every sigh and tear; at the longest it will not be too long before they will be in each other's arms again.

She has fought a good fight, victoriously, and to her will be said, "Blessed, because you have aided in saving one soul who now can go on to perfection; you will find joy in My Kingdom with him whom you love when you are called home." What a comforting promise! And the Lord always keeps His promises.

So to you, Grace, and the hosts of friends and associates we know will miss this Giant of Mormondom we say "Carry On." Continue building the structure we call the Kingdom of God on Earth upon the construction of which our worthy friend and brother labored for so many years. You will see evidences of Harry's efforts on every hand.—Brief exerpts from a beautiful letter to the editor by a former H. P. Quorum president of Oakland stake.

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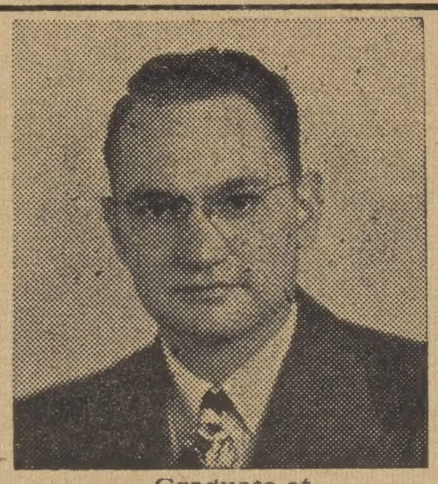

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Korean Diary

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and rice. Hope your Christmas presents arrive safely. . . .

November 7.—Expect to dock at Kobe, Japan, then to Itami airbase. I'll enjoy terra firma again and get to sleep in a bunk. Don't worry about me, I'm in the pink of condition. . . .

November 11.—Armistice Day. Yesterday we celebrated the Marines' birthday. Being in the galley I helped serve three meals besides giving the deck a thorough scrubbing; then ice cream and cake to everyone. Oh well, only 17 more days of this.

November 16.—Wonsan Airfield, Korea. This is a surprise. We landed in a LSU yesterday.

Man, was it cold! Wind like little arrows piercing every inch of your body. They issued us long underwear, ha, ha, and heavy jackets similar to football sideline coats. Happily met Butch and Costello (friends from Alameda). We have to carry our rifles wherever we go at night. There are guerrillas fighting in the hills behind the airfield.

November 18.—We all enjoyed the package containing cookies, etc. We're working harder than aboard ship because we assemble our own rockets.Our airfield is on a point that protrudes into the bay. It is very beautiful here. Food fairly good considering we are eating C rations. They're not too bad.

November 19.—Sunday. I'm feeling in the pink. Guess I'll have no chance to go to Church as we work long hours. Koreans helped today. Their pay is two bowls of rice a day, and they seem to think that it's a good deal. Last night I went to a show with Butch, then we had a long talk about Alameda. Our chow is really all right, but my mouth waters when I think of your cooking, Mom. Yes, I received my Patriarchal blessing and I carry it in my wallet.

November 22.—Mom, I remember your turkey dinners for Thanksgiving. After the Christmas rush, can you send me some canned fruit? It would make a midnight snack.

November 23. — Thanksgiving Day. Rainy and cold. Because of weather we're not flying. I was sitting on my sack, thinking of you at home, wondering, and then I heard mail call. Received letters from all and package. The fellows really go for your cookies, Mom. Our turkey is coming tonight.

November 26.—Snowed three inches last night and everything is beautifully white. The boys from Minnesota really razz me when I say we've had a snow storm. A dispatch on the Bulletin board from "old Dug out Dug" says we'll wrap the war up in a few weeks and a lot of us will be home for Christmas. Hope he's right. Well, "James" is drawing my "bawth," so, best wishes and love till next time. . . .

December 1.—Another move to Yongpo Airfield, 45 miles from Wonsan. Last night we were rolled out of our sacks at 1 a.m. for "Condition Red," but nothing happened. Snow six inches deep here. Too bad we're having trouble with the d—— Chinese Commies. We were scheduled to come home the 15th of November. . . . .

December 7. USS Cicily. Left Yongpo, Korea, last night by truck and boarded the Cicily again. Had to scrape off 22 days of Korean soil. What a job! I don't know why we went aboard again. We will be working hard, but I don't mind. Our First Division is really in a jam, poor devils. They're outnumbered about 100 to 1. SURE HOPE THEY DECIDE TO USE THE A-BOMB!

December 10.—Sunday. I worked until 1 a.m. last night cleaning guns, so I'm off for the morning. I slept in, and so missed Church. I receive the Messenger and the Era pretty regularly. Enjoy them very much and want to thank whoever is responsible for sending them.

December 13.—11:15 a.m. We aretaking on supplies. Last night we belted 20,000 rounds of Ammo. Before writing I went up on the flight deck and I could see close to us several supply ships, the big "MO," Phillipine Sea and many destroyers. It sure is a sight.

Have you thought of anything more I could buy you in Japan? Say, how about sending a dozen or so funny books; they're light reading, which is about all we have time for lately.

It isn't what you have in your pocket that makes you thankful but what you have in your heart.

SECULARISM

Living and Thinking As Tho God Were a Negligible Factor In Life.

(Quotes from a thoughtful Berkeley sermon by Rev. J. Henry Thomas, St. Clement's Episcopal Church, delivered Sunday, October 15, 1950. Reported in Berkeley Gazette of October 16).

"Secularism," he declared, "largely has been the cause of the confusion and fear. What do I mean by secularism? Stated simply—living without God, Leaving God out of our thinking as though He were a negligible factor. Homes in which His Name is never heard except as part of an expletive.

"Prayer never uttered, Grace at meals never said, the Bible never opened, worship as a family unit never engaged in. Sunday desecrated as a day of house painting or amusements, pleasures. God left out of account as though He didn't matter.

"Through secularism we see institutions of learning with a long list of subjects, a large quantity of mental data, being taught without any reference to God, as though He didn't matter.

"As a result of secularism we see even such noble places of mercy and loving kindness as hopitals, the products of laying our society's foundations without God—being built without a 'Place Apart'—a tiny chapel where meditation and quiet would sustain the fearful and aid in giving peace and poise to the tender, skilled hands and minds of the surgeon, the physician, the psychiatrist and the healing heart of the nurse. God is left out. He doesn't count.

GOD DOES NOT COUNT

"In politics—which should be the science of government—we see expediency and subterfuge as perhaps the keynotes. God doesn't count except as perhaps when His Name comes in conveniently to be used in the peroration at the end of a speech.

"In economics and the daily mart men engage in the buying and selling of the materials He has created, the creature putting to his physical comforts those things the Creator has made and yet does not recognize his stewardship of them—God doesn't count. Man as the center of all things with what I have at times heard described as having 'a religion of his own'—God left out of account. Society secularized.

"Men have struck their tents and are on the march and they are confused and blindly they stagger on, displaced persons adrift from God, who is their eternal home and their Father, with no conscious direction or knowledge of His will and Eternal Purposes.

"This needs emphasis in these days for many in seeking knowledge labor under the false notion that somehow all this science, this technical knowledge, this philosophy, this art, this man's doing, thereby exalt man to the exclusion of God in laboratory, machine shop, studio, study and school."

25 Years Ago Today

A clipping from a Salt Lake City paper, issue of December 7, 1950, has been sent to the editor of the Messenger. It may be of some interest to his friends. Here is the short item under the heading: "25 years ago today."

"Prof. I. B. Ball, who has been serving as director of vocational agriculture for the past eight years, has tendered his resignation to become effective Jan. 1." California was calling.

Oakland Stake News

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and beautiful new house of worship.

A delightful Christmas surprise came to Bro. Welchoff, who has been long confined to a hospital with a case of polio as friends in Hayward ward purchased for him a wheel chair in which he was able to come home and spend Christmas with his folks. Brother Welchoff, we are delighted to learn of your improvement, and we admire the spirit that has brought you thus far.

NEW MISSIONARIES IN THE FIELD

Patriarch Eugene and Ruth Hilton, with their daughter, Patricia, leave January 22 for the British Mission. Athol Judd, Elmhurst ward, leaves January 22 for the Spanish-American Mission. At the same time and from the same ward George E. Osmond leaves for Uruguay. January 8 Robert H. De Vries leaves for Holland, from Elmhurst, and Charles Briscoe left Elmhurst December 4 for the Southern States Mission.

LITTLE REPORTS FROM ELDERS IN THE FIELD

Elder Richard Phelps in Uruguay participated in the baptism of 23. One had requested he perform the ordinance—his first baptism (and in Spanish). There are seven Branches in the city of Montivedeo, Uruguay, with four elders assigned to each Branch. Richard has been singing with a chorus that travels to the District Conferences. On one of these trips he was happily surprised to meet Lewis Jackson. They had a "home talk" fest.

Elder Bud Call is in Holland and doing well.

Elder Keith Stephens is in Springfield. Illinois, working with Owen and Mary Stewart who have charge of seven Branches in Illinois.

Eder George Hilton, in Tahiti, said that he had received no mail for three months—then 11 letters.

Elder William Atkins is also in Tahiti, and again reports the mail as slow.

Elder Dovell White from Hayward is in South America, as is Elder Reed Welchchoff from Hayward. It is his brother who has been in a hospital with polio.

Sister Carmen Stephens is laboring in Halifax, Nova Scotia, while Vivian Williams is working in Indiana and Joyce Briscoe in Maryland where she plays in the Church orchestra. Jason Sorensen and Gerald Smith are on missions from San Leandro ward; Janeth Evans is in Texas, Eugene Muir in Samoa, Donald Russell in the Western States.

Jerry Crandall ate Christmas dinner with his cousin in Canada.

Bruce Morgan, in the Southern States Mission, has been made a senior elder. Fred Lundberg is in Uruguay, and Sydney Harris in Mexico. Norman Stockton is in South Africa, Jason Sorensen in the Danish Mission and Curtis Finch in Argentine.

Vinal G. and Ethel Mauss, with son Armand and daughter Marguerite, are in Japan, where Bro. Mauss is serving as Mission president.

Tributes Paid to Harry R. Fletcher

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bled for those who did not sense the value of the Gospel."

Elder Darton related how Harry R. had told him many times how he loved his four sons (he had no daughters) and wanted so much to have them with him in the next world. "I love him and his dear wife, Grace. Let us follow his pattern and be ready to meet our God."

A beautiful duet, "Unanswered Yet," was rendered by Brother and Sister Blaine Wilson. Patriarch Eugene Hilton, the third speaker, declared that he had looked upon Elder Fletcher more as a father, although Brother Fletcher felt it should be the other way about because of Bro. Hilton's longer experience in the Church from childhood.

The deceased had not merely dropped into his beliefs but had deliberately chosen them for himself in his mature years, and then had worked the harder in the Kingdom in order to partly make up for the lost years, and had overpayed his tithing with the same thought in mind.

Moreover he was resigned whichever way the operation went. It was all in God's hands. He knew the plan of life and salvation and was happy in the thought that he was going forward to his exaltation as Abraham, Isaac and Jaacob had gone on to their reward.

A poem written by James Wright honoring Elder Fletcher was rendered as a solo by Niel McCarthy to music written for the occasion by Nico D. Snell and played on the piano by Rollin Jensen.

The last speaker, Patriarch Isaac B. Ball of Berkeley stake, said that Harry R. Fletcher always championed the right, and carried on whatever he championed with great zeal and energy. A sweet, peaceful tranquility had prevailed in the inspired utterances of the services. "I have felt the Holy Spirit here today, and am sure that Harry has been here and has heard every word that has been said, and rejoices in the Truth."

Harry had said to him in a late visit to him in his illness that his first prayer on the other side, if he went over, would be for the Father to send Grace to him so that he could take care of her there. Harry Fetcher has merely changed his place of residence and taken up membership in a stake in paradise, where he will be active in missionary work and in the work of his particular office.

Elder Ball gave illustration of Brother Fletcher's power to influence and convert men to the Gospel plan of better living, and told of his great faith and healing power in the priesthood, which he valued above everything else in the world because it is the greatest thing and the power by which all things are governed. The speaker testified that Elder Fletcher had the gift to see the Savior with his spiritual eye because he had met the qualification of purification in the revelation, namely, to "strip yourselves of jealousies and fears, and humble yourself before me."

"Brother Harry was exalted even in the flesh through the exaltation of his heart and mind in righteousness and we all were witnesses thereof. The Kingdom of God is here and Brother Fletcher was a bonifide member. I would that many could be here who are prevented because of their frail health, but who are in tears today for the passing of this great and good friend to so many who looked to him as their comforter and strength in the Lord."

The services were concluded by a solo, "In the Garden of Tomorrow," sung by Blaine Wilson. The prayer was given by William Stanfield.

Bro. Ed A. Pyle, commercial photographer, has furnished by request a means for securing mounted or unmounted photos of Bro. Fletcher similar to the one printed in the Messenger above. Unmounted copies may be secured for 30c, 40c, 60c for the 4x6, 5x7, or 8x10 sizes. Folders will cost 35c for the 8x10 size, and 25c for any smaller size. Bro. Pyle's address is 1479 Solano Ave., Berkeley; Landscape 4-1224; Res. Ashbury 3-6381.

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Oakland Stake Calendar Of Events

JANUARY 1951

Saturday the 6th—Square Dance, Elmhurst ..... 8:30 p.m.
Monday the 8th—Basketball, Elmhurst Pub. School Gym..... 6:45 p.m.
Mon .the 15th—Basketball, Elmhurst Pub. School Gym ..... 6:45 p.m.
Wednesday the 17th—Farewell for Eugene and Ruth Hilton, Oakland Ward ..... 7:30 p.m.
Saturday the 20th—Square Dance, Elmhurst ward ..... 8:30 p.m.
Saturday the 20th—Teen Green and Gold Ball, Alameda..... 7:30 p.m.
Monday the 22nd—Basketball, Elmhurst School Gym ..... 6:45 p.m.
Wednesday the 24th—Stake MIA Leadership Meeting, Elmhurst ward ..... 7:30 p.m.
Friday the 26th—Oakland Ward Green and Gold Ball, Oakland Ward Recreation Hall ..... 8:45 p.m.
Saturday-Sunday, 27-28—Oakland Stake Quarterly Conference, Oakland chapel .....
Monday the 29th—Basketball, Elmhurst School Gym ..... 6:45 p.m.
Tuesday the 30th—Oakland Stake Road Shows Alameda and Elmhurst Recreation Halls ..... 7:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 1951

Friday, 2—Rose Prom, Alameda ..... 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, 3—Square Dance, Elmhurst ..... 8:30 p.m.
Monday, 5—Basketball, Elmhurst School Gym ..... 6:45 p.m.
Monday, 12—Basketball, Elmhurst School Gym ..... 6:45 p.m.
Friday, 16—Oakland and Berkeley Stakes' Sweetheart heart Ball, Scottish Rite ballroom $1.00 per person..... 9:00 p.m.
Monday, 19—Basketball, Elmhurst School Gym ..... 6:45 p.m.
Wednesday, 21—Stake MIA Leadership Meeting, Elmhurst 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, 27—MIA Missionary Night (something new)

Elmhurst Ward

This holiday season should remind us that it is our business now and always to bring to our members "Glad tidings of great joy which shall be to all people" and that we should do our utmost to help realize the pronouncements of the heavenly hosts; "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace goodwill toward men."

In the New Year let us take stock of ourselves. To what extent have we been obedient to the Lord's commandment? Are we at peace with ourselves on this count,

May His blessings be with each of you in the new year that you might have peace, happiness and good health.

We continue to miss Nellie and Andy Anderson who have moved to their namesake city of Anderson, California. Andy is in charge of a thriving "Locker" business Success to you and the season's greetings from Elmhurst.

WHAT AN ENTHUSIASTIC RELIEF SOCIETY YOU HAVE, SISTER FANDRICK!

The wedding reception of Marilyn Shaw, daughter of our former bishop Glen Shaw was given at the Shaw home on Morse Drive. Marilyn married Sidney Herbert Judson, Jr., of Maxwell Park ward. Marilyn was attended by Margaret Allen and Norma Williams. Sidney's brother Bruce acted as his best man. Two hundred guests attended. After a brief honeymoon they are making their home in Oakland. The Elmhurst ward members wish them joy and happiness.

DON'T TELL ME THAT IN THE MUTUAL—

Mabel Jensen is giving much of her time and materials to teaching the MIA girls ceramics and that they are making beautiful figurines?

And that Rama Brush is teaching the young people the fun of the folk dances? Yes, it's true.

Those lucky Robert E Stocks have attended the wedding reception of their youngest grandson, Robert Dean, better known as "Buddy." He is the son of F. M. Stauffer of Fresno ,California. He married Carol Green of Walnut Creek. Congratulations.

ARE YOUR WEE ONES ATTENDING OUR SPLENDID PRIMARY?

HEAR YE HEAR YE.

Three wonderful missionaries are going from Elmhurst ward.

Gene Osmond, son of George and Lavon Osmond, is to report in Salt Lake City January 22. He will leave from New York for the Uruguayan Mission. His farewell will be held January 11

Robert DeVries ,son of Herman DeVries, reports to Salt Lake City on January 8. Bob will go to the Netherlands Mission, the country of his parents, lucky boy. His farewell was on January 4.

The third call comes to Athol Judd, son of Bro. and Sister Ray Schultz. Athol reports January 22, also. He will labor in the Spanish-American Mission His farewell party will be in conjunction with Gene's.

Ray Ellen Reynolds and Neil McCarthy were married in the Salt Lake Temple December 14th. The ward members hope there is much happiness in store for you.

The ward choir under the direction of Sister Basinger gave a very beautiful cantata on Christmas Eve in the chapel. It was a delightful way of spending the eve of the Savior's birth.

A delightful Christmas party was given for the ward members on the 19of December. Santa Claus was there and many joined in the true spirit of Christmas

Brother Gene Muir stopped in Honolulu and also in the Figi Islands on his way to his mission in the Samoan Islands. He is living at the Mission Home at Atia on Upolu Island where he has been teaching school. He is enjoying his work immensely and the first Sunday he attended six meetings including a baptismal service and a Relief Society Conference. He spoke in the evening service. They also have "Fireside Chats" which he attended. The Church is erecting a $15,000.00 school in the lot adjoining the iMssion home, for the education of the Samoan people Gene, we're sorry there wasn't time to give you a farewell party before you left.

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Supt. Kirke Decker and Pres. Alma Dean Feller of the Berkeley stake MIA are pleased with the MIA development and growth during 1950. Our wards have accomplished many outstanding things: Attendance has increased; methods of teaching are improving; our youth activities are growing rapidly.

The new age groups are a great success. The new MIA Maids provides many thrilling activities, as well as interesting lessons. The Junior M Men and Junior Gleaners are enjoying one of the finest courses in the MIA program. Scouting, always a fine organization for boys, lowered its age limit to 11 years. The increased membership in our troops is proving itself adaptable.

The MIA stake officers have enjoyed visiting different wards this past year, working with the officers and teachers in these wards. Many inspiring things have come to light.

The opportunities for leadership and service in 1951 are unlimited. War headlines from day to day remind us that it may be later than we think. We do not have forever to imprint in their souls a testimony of the divinity of this work.

Supt. Decker wants to achieve a greater spiritual program with more emphasis placed on reverence during our MIA meetings and hopes to continue improving our teaching methods.

Pres. Feller has set a goal for a greater recreation and activity program for our young people. She feels there is a great need for recreation facilities and play areas where our young people may engage in athletic events. They need a place where they can be taught th skills of handicraft, and may develop their hobbies.

Plans are being made to form a caravan of stake and ward officers and teachers to attend the June MIA conference.

The stake MIA board members sincerely wish all the officers and teachers of the wards a happy and successful new year.

"My life shall touch a dozen lives
before this day is done;
Leave countless marks of good
or ill ere sets the evening's sun;
This is the wish I always wish,
the prayer I always pray;
Let my life help the other lives
It touches on the way."

On the last Tuesday before the Christmas holidays all wards enjoyed Christmas parties. On Christmas eve the Firesides of each ward went caroling.

On December 29 two holiday parties were held: the young people at Alameda and the Special Interest groups at Elmhurst. Both were budget affairs.

Hayward Ward

The ward had a real Christmas present—the finishing of our beautiful chapel. For the first time it was used we held services in the new chapel on Christmas eve. Everything was finished (except the choir seats), all the rugs were laid, all the benches in place, the drapes hung, even the beautiful picture that has been given to the ward by Elder Archie Inger was hung, adding a last finishing touch to a beautiful chapel.

The choir gave the Christmas program. At the request of Bishop Webb Sister Mary Boles sang, as only she can sing, "Bless This House." Lovely, lovely.

Tithing settlement will be held until January 12.

Richard Davis was ordained to the office of Teacher by his father, Ed. Perry. Robert Eichholy, a convert, was ordained to the office of a Teacher. Our Deacons' quorum has grown so large that it has been divided. Hail to our two quorums of Deacons.

The Boy Scouts met with other troops to pass out leaflets on atomic warfare defense.

Bro. Walter Barney, now living in Mesa, is recovering from an accident in which he suffered a fractured shoulder, skull and back. He lay unconscious for days

December 22 we held our Christmas party with Santa and everything.

Sis. Margaret Clark received word that her son Bruce, was missing in action in Korea. After days of worrying and praying she received word that he was in the hospital wounded, not too seriously.

A daughter was born December 8 to Billy and Gwen Webb.

ACHIEVEMENT

Gene Wallman age 20, was given a Bolivia watch by the Napa College for outstanding success in sports. He rated in football, basketball and baseball, the only student to have played in all three sports in the history of the college. Gene is majoring in business administration and minoring in physical education. He hopes to become a High School coach.

The bishop urges us to look forward to the New Year with renewed determination to keep the Lord's commandments. He urges us to say as Joshua said: "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

Call For Stories Regarding The Ministry of Harry R. Fletcher

Some of the friends of Patriarch Harry R. Fletcher now feel that a story of the ministry of Brother Fletcher might well be compiled by contributed articles sent by anyone who remembers faith-promoting incidents in his ministry in Oakland.

He made great contributions to the Aaronic priesthood groups in Oakland ward in particular, to the healing of saints all over the stake, to missionaries before they went and while on their missions by correspondence, and to many who came to him for their patriarchal blessings.

Material may be handed to James Fishburn in Elmhurst ward or sent to the editor of the Messenger. As fast as this material may be assembled the Messenger will try to find room to publish installments from time to time, as may be proper.

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From Texas Ranger to Oak. Patriarch

Life Story of Harry R. Fletcher

The sudden passing of the beloved patriarch of Oakland stake, Harry R. Fletcher, has created a great interest in his life's story. The short narrative that follows in merely a preliminary sketch of his life's history in its general outlines. The fuller account of his ministry in the service of the saints of Oakland stake, with his many administrations, blessings, and conversations, and conversions may nevere be told in any degree of completion now that he has gone. An attempt, however, will be made to gather some of this material for later publication. A report of the funeral service and his picture are to be found on the front page of this month's Messenger.

Harry R. Fletcher first saw the light of day in Brownville, Texas, May 3, 1874. After serving as a Texas Ranger for several years he took up railroading, and followed that line of work in several states of the Mississippi valley, and then into Colorado, and finally to Oakland, California. In these years with the railroads of the nation, Harry rose from brakeman to conductor.

A fact that may surprise many of his friends of his later life is that he became rather a leader of the railroad unions in their demands for improved conditions and remuneration for the companies' employees. And he was not only a leader, but it is reported that he was somewhat of a radical in the opinion of the railroad officials, insomuch that he was put on their boycott lists for a time. When he arrived in Oakland he was engaged in the work of railroad switchman.

It was in Oakland while thus engaged in railroad work that Harry first met Grace Horswill, of English ancestry, whom we all know as Sister Grace Fletcher. The first meeting was a chance affair through Grace's girl friend who introduced her to Harry whom they chanced to meet while the girls were on their way to visit friends in San Francisco.

Harry was a "fast worker." He seemed to sense that here was the girl of his ideals. He asked for an evening appointment, the next evening in fact, and then without further ado proposed to her, and started the courtship that made Grace his wife, and the mother of five sons, three of whom died in infancy or youth.

Two years after this marriage Grace and Harry moved to Seattle where he continued with his railroad work for five or six years. A friend of Harry's there finally persuaded him to give up railroading for the less hazardous but more talkative work of a Prudential Life Insurance agent, selling industrial policies.

He rose to be assistant superintendent in Seattle and was transferred by the company to their Salt Lake City office. Grace followed him some few months later, and when she arrived found him already somewhat interested in the faith of the Latter-day Saints through the influnce of some of his fellow agents there. He told her the Mormon people were the most friendly he ever had met.

But this new interest did not fit in with the Methodist faith of Grace at that time. She continued to attend and send her children to the Methodist church in Salt Lake City, but for convenience sake, she also attended at times the Unitarian and the Presbyterian services.

One evening when Harry was out on his insurance calls, a LDS ward teacher, a neighbor, called at the home and remained talking to Grace until Harry returned and then talking to the two of them so interestingly that the hour was near twelve before the conversations came to an end.

Finding Grace particularly hesitant to accept the faith of the restored Church, this elder finally arranged to have Patriarch Whitaker call and explain the Gospel. Through the labors of this truly great Latter-day saint teacher (he served as LDS seminary teacher at Granite for years, where the writer was a teacher and came to know and see the wonderful power over men's conduct this patriarch possessed) Harry and Grace were converted and baptized.

After changing companies Harry wrote insurance also for the Kansas City Life and the Western States Liife under the superintendency of First Council of Seventy President Rufus Hardy.

Finally he gave up his business and enlisted in the army for the first World War. He was sent to Fort Logan, Colorado, and then to Jacksonville, Florida, doing "paper work" as Grace calls it, and not getting overseas. He was a first sergeant, and was affectionately called "Sarg" by his buddies.

After World War I Harry R. soon moved back to Oakland, and for a time was manager of the North American Hospital Assn. But when this privatey owned concern "folded", Brother Fletcher resumed his insurance business.

This time however, he deserted the field of life insurance and specialized in health and accident policies for the Pacific Mutual, a connection he consistently maintained until the time of his death.

His particular field of work was among the railroad men of the Oakland and San Francisco areas, a class of men he knew so well and whose "language" he could talk so naturally. He was very successful in this line, until the railroads began to lose business to the bus lines and reduced their personnel drastically.

Harry used to grumble much at this situation, but he continued in the work. His business calenders, pocket sized, he handed to his Church friends, came to be standard equipment to the writer's little pocket book, and no doubt to others. Grace gave a left-over supply of the 1951 cards to the writer. His friends may have one for a souvenir by writing to the Messenger for one.

Elder Harry R. Fletcher was also a veteran of the Spanish-American War, having enlisted from Texas, and serving under Teddy Roosevelt, being with him in the famous charge up San Juan Hill in Cuba. He was later active in veterans' organizations.

Elder Fletcher's parents lived and ied in Texas, and still living in that Lone Star state are his only two living sisters. An older sister died in Los Angeles some years ago. He leaves two sons, Tom living in Martinez where he is active in the ward with his newly converted wife, and Milton who lives in San Francisco, and at whose home Grace went when Harry R. was ordered into the Fort Riley Veteran's Hospital in San Francisco. Her plans are not too definite at this writing.

HARRY R. FLETCHER'S CONVERSION

Grace, his wife, told the writer some interesting sidelights into Harry's struggle to establish his faith in the restored Gospel. We have told already of his and Grace's conversion and baptism at the hands of Patriarch John A. Whitaker in Salt Lake City. With Grace that was a thorough conversion of the heart as well as of the mind. She tells how she hesitated to join finally because of the inveterate English habit of tea drinking that was part and parcel of her very life pattern.

But the patriarch told her to obey the commands and to be baptized and promised her that she would be helped to overcome the craving for tea. She relates that it was just so. After baptism she emptied the tea caddy on the ground and never after was bothered in the least with the habit. In Oakland she became a teacher in the Primary classes.

But with Harry it was different. He did not give up tobacco. Grace explains that he seemed not to have been spiritually converted, but very strongly "attracted" to the people and the principles, and wanted to be a member. But it ended there, in good measure. He was only a spasmodic attendant at the Church meetings. Grace related that they were then living within walking distance of the Oakland chapel. This was in 1931 or 1932, and the home was on 27th street. Harry would stay home from meetings and lay with the boys while Grace went to Church.

One Sunday at a Stake Conference Apostle Ballard had delivered one of his masterful discourses in the morning session. Grace was impressed and wondered how she might awaken Harry to his duties. As part of her strategy she announced on arriving home at noon that she had decided, since Harry would not attend meetings, she was also going to "quit" the Church then and there. This had a startling effect. He protested her announced intention.

He must have bestirred himself a little afterwards because in two weeks from that time he was called by Bishop Eugene Jacobs to be second counselor in the elders' quorum. That was the turning point in his Church career. Upon acceptance of that call he immediately gave up smoking. Grace says he asked himself the pointed and typical question, "Am I a mouse or a man?" Then he commenced to be the man whom we all have come to love and admire for his whole-souled devotion.

Harry never lost his great love and gratitude to Bishop Jacobs for his faith in him at that time. Without that call to labor in the elders' quorum who can tell what may have been lost in the Lord's work here in this stake, or what would have been the fate of our beloved character, Harry R. Fletcher. Thus by small means great ends are effected. God bless the bishops of Zion in the discharge of their many duties. May they redeem many such choice spirits as our beloved Harry.

Richmond Ward

Three new members have come into the Church in our ward in the last two months. On November 5 Howard C. Schauman was confirmed a member, and on December 3 Arthur M. Ashby and David W. Bridell were confirmed.

With the coming year we hope and pray that more people will turn their hearts toward the Church.

The Fireside had a Christmas party on Christmas eve, commencing with Christmas carols from 7:45 to 9:15 when the group went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bergon on 27th street where we had delicious refreshments and exchanged presents. The evening closed with the singing of more carols. Thirty-two were in attendance.

Our Christmas party on the 21st was presented by the Primary and the Sunday School. The Primary children presented a little playlet, all taking part. Santa Claus gave to all candy, nuts and oranges which were supplied by the Sunday School.

December 11 a great pot luck dinner was held to help in the Welfare budget. Thanks to the Mutual and the Relief Society and all who helped and attended. Our Christmas Sunday School services were te most inspiring ever held here. They were carried out by the combined efforts of both wards A special MIA dance was held December 20.

Congratulations to Gordan Sunberg in his advancement to the Melchizedek priesthood,(and for his services in the Adult Aaronic work.

Our ward has had a lot of illness lately. We pray for the speedy recovery of Grandma Morley, Lucy Morley, Ann Richardson, Amelia Morgan, Ellise Fuller, Alice Bingham, the Parson boys and all unmentioned.

Claude Heator, a former ward member, has recently returned from a mission. It was nice to see him Sunday the 24. We send special season's greetings to our service boys: George Stoddard, Richard Ney, Richard Anderson, Dale Craen, Junior Lee Harvey, Grant Morgan and Joe Ryland.

BISHOP'S SESSAGE

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL.

Did you all have a merry Christmas. We feel that the Lord has blessed us much in Richmond ward, and that He has many blessings yet in store for 1951.

Peace on earth and peace of mind, and a permanent future are all found in the Gospel truths. This is for each family to enjoy if they will partake.

There are two real tests of gospel principles: the first is that the Gospel never burdens anyone, nor enslaves anyone; but brings joy and makes men free. The second test is that every principle and law of the Gospel is for the welfare of man. The Lord never has given anything that was not for the benefit of His children.

Our aims in Richmond ward are: (1) to have everyone participate so that no one may be burdened, and (2) to have all things done for the welfare of the Lord's work.

As parents we should give to our children: (1) a name and a blessing at the start of life; (2) baptism at age eight; (3) preparation to act in the piresthood at age 12. These are the eternal steps in life. There is no greater gift in life than to receive the Holy Ghost at the time of baptism and confirmation.

We testify that God lives, and that this truly is His work, and Oh, how we pray that this year may see us all united in building the Lord's Kingdom, and each one sharing in this wonderful work.

May 1951 be the most progressive year we have ever spent in our lives, and may our future reach towards perfection. Again Happy New Year to all.

Rodeo Branch

By MARJORIE Y. NELSON

The Branch will soon have its first birthday and plans are being made for a gay celebration to honor this very important date. On the 23rd of January, instead of MIA, a party will be in progress. Keep listening for details. Plan now to join us at our first birthday party.

We urge you, set aside each Tuesday evening as Mutual night; come and share the good times at these meetings. MIA was organized originally for the benefit of the young people, but the Authorities have learned that we are ALL young in heart and have included the Special Interest class where the over teenagers could be instructed in various fields as well as enjoy spiritualized recreation. We invite YOU to become a Mutual member.

The time of the meetings of the Relief Society has been changed to each Tuesday at 1:00 o'clock.

The children were delighted with their Christmas party held at Primary. They had made gifts for their mothers and when Santa Claus arrived, he helped distribute them as well as present each child with a small remembrance. The Primary officers and teachers put in many hours preparing for the little ones they have under their jurisdiction, and such loving service indeed brings its reward for all the children in the branch of Primary age are enrolled in this organization as well as many non-members. "Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me; for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

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Because of the transfer of Elder Leslie Boothe to Alameda just before Christmas, we had a new Elder, Harold Gammon from Lehi, Utah, as Elder McBride's companion. We wish them continued success in their important work.

And to you all, may we wish the blessings of the Lord for a very Happy New Year.

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Temple Ground Breaking Expected Soon On 25-Acre Site In Los Angeles

Announcement was made Wednesday Dec. 12 in Salt Lake that working plans for the Los Angeles Temple were approved by the First Presidency and General Authorities.

Date of ground breaking exercises is expected to be set momentarily.

While in Los Angeles Sunday President David O. McKay was asked how the war emergency may effect building materials needed to erect the temple. He replied that it may have some effect, however, he said, "we are buying some of the materials now."

The 25 acre site was purchased over a decade ago under the direction of the late Heber J. Grant and is located in the Westwood area at the corner of Santa Monica Blvd. and Selby Ave. On Santa Monica Blvd., there is a frontage of 775 feet and 274 feet on Selby. The entrance will be from Santa Monica Blvd.

President McKay also revealed that the City of Los Angeles had approved the plans. With a few minor changes to be made the city planning approval makes it possible to begin actual construction almost immediately, President McKay stated.

The edifice will face southeastward and the design will be of an ancient Mayan architecture with a high tower surmounted by a statue of Angel Moroni sounding a trumpet. Monolithic concrete walls with cast stone exterior will make the building similar to the Idaho Falls Temple.

In the foreground will be the annex in a block "U" shape, surrounding a large reflecting pool. The main entrance will be into a central corridor in the annex at the far end of the "U."

Second floor will be devoted to ordinance rooms.

A large assembly room, similar to that of the Salt Lake Temple, will be on the third floor.

Interior decorating calls for extensive use of potted plants.

The Garden Room will have murals on one wall and plantings along the other walls. The Creation Room will be oval in shape, as will the World Room. Both will have murals.

Baptismal font will be located beneath the ground level and will rest on 12 bronze oxen. A children's gallery on one side and a patron's gallery on the other.

Another Temple is planned for Oakland. Until such time as it is completed the Los Angeles Temple will serve all members living in California and part of Nevada.

Messenger's Addressograph Plates At Your Service

Bishops and organizations of both stakes now make frequent use of the Messenger's addressograph plates and machines (one hand, one automatic). There is no reason why more of our organizations may not also know about this free service.

Bishops, for instance, have occasional need to send out postals or stuffed envelopes (envelopes with an enclosed letter or notice). A supply of addressed postals and envelopes may be kept on hand, if, desired, by having someone come to the Messenger machines and run off as many sets of these as seem proper.

In some cases it is handy for an organization to have a set of special plates made and kept on hand. For instance, the Berkeley stake high priest quorum has a set of its members on plates in a tray of its own. They use these to send out notices of meetings. This is not expensive. Call Ashberry 3-8131 for clearance and appointments.

Down to Earth

H. F. Gordon, San Diego.

Original Articles For The Messenger.

Just off the press is a book which should be in every Latter-day Saint home without fail. It is "The Word of Wisdom" by Dr. John A. Widtsoe and Leah D. Widtsoe. It is one of the very finest guide books to good nutrition now available, and of equal importance, it brings out forcibly and clearly that the Word of Wisdom is NOT just tea, coffee, liquor and tobacco—"and that the full accord of the Word of Wisdom with advancing science is a convincing evidence of the divine inspiration of the Prophet Joseph Smith."

This book treats the entire Word of Wisdom, taking each part in turn and showing how those sections of this revelation dealing with food are in complete harmony with the most advanced nutritional thought. It is a book which every wife and mother should have available as a reference in planning and preparing meals. Adherence to the principles laid down in this book will most certainly bring to the person so doing the promises and blessings which the revelation embodies.

It goes without saying of course, that that portion of the Word of Wisdom dealing with tea, coffee, liquor and tobacco is treated in admirable fashion. The harmful effects of these habit-forming substances are clearly established. In addition, the bainful cola drinks are presented in their true light; also the refined carbonhydrates, white sugar and white flour, are treated with fair and impartial accuracy.

The whole concept and teaching of the Word of Wisdom is to abstain from certain harmful substances, .i e. alcohol, tobacco and unnatural drinks, at the same time to eat natural, wholesome grains,.. fruits,.. vegetables.. and herbs with limited amounts of animal products. Nowhere on earth is there a finer, simpler and at the same time, more scientific way of life.

Once again we urge every Latter-day Saint home to get, read, study and live by "The Word of Wisdom" by Dr. and Sis. Widtsoe

Priesthood Projects As of November 1950

Following is a list of projects already approved and reserved to the priesthood quorums of Berkeley stake:

High Priests: Wheat; vocational tests and counseling; raising of calla lilies for April conference.

273rd Seventy: Selling of vitamines.

339th: Rug making, at which time they are collecting ties.

Second Elders: Towel hemming; construction of hobby horses.

Third Elders: Business directory for Berkeley stake.

Fourth Elders: A printing ress.

Eiighth Elders: Book binding and silk screen printing.

These projects are of record as a part of the minutes of the Melchizedek priesthood committee and the stake welfare committee.

The following are some ward projects of record:

Napa—The farm and prunes.

Martinez—Woodworking shop.

And we do wish to call to your attention that Carquinez ward has already built a house as a ward project.

Call for Report on Calla Lilies

Please clip and mail this report to:

I. B. Ball, Calla Lily Committee, 1612 Spruce St., Berkeley

I have.....good-sized calla lily plants now growing, from which I think I will have.....blooms to contribute to Berkeley stake's traditional gift of callas to decorate the Tabernacle at the April General Conference in Salt Lake City. (Further instructions later from the Committee.)

Signed: Name..... Date.....

Address..... Phone.....

Berkeley Stake Genealogical Com. Reorganization

A concerted drive for renewed interest in Home Teaching and Temple work is underway under the newly organized Stake Committee. Due to illness, necessitating additional rest from pressure of school and church duties, Nathan Tolman has been released as Chairman of the Berkeley Stake Genealogical Committee.

At the recent November conference an expression of sincere appreciation for his worthy efforts in the capacity of chairman of this committee was given. It is hoped that he will soon recover and be able to continue on in this work which he is so much interested in. Bro. Tolman is now favorably hospitalized in the Veterans' Hospital in Denver.

In his place 'Dr. C. Ronald Smith was sustained as Chairman, having been acting as Second Councillor to Brother Tolman during the past year. Assisting him as First Councillor is I. B. Ball, patriarch of the Berkeley Stake who also has been a very active member of the Committee in the past. Other members of this committee, who will continue in this work, include Albert Dietliker, in charge of Research and Leonora Hill who will assist him in addition to her work as secretary of the Committee. Delbert Rock, who has had charge of the Temple Excursions during the past year will also continue in this capacity on the new committee.

At the December Stake committee meeting a goal was set for the coming year: Get every family in the Stake working on its genealogical record. At this meeting the mission of the committee was restated and plans for the coming year's activities were outlined with special emphasis on Home Teaching and Research pro- is anticipated that a regular program of visits to the San Francisco Library will be made, with a genealogical worker cooperating in the assistance of those attending.

Emphasis was also placed upon the annual Temple Excursion to Salt Lake to be made in the Spring. Support for the Oakland Temple Excursion was also planned, the latter coming during Easter vacation week.

A Stake Genealogical dinner and program for the entire Stake membership has been planned for the immediate future, a more detailed announcement in the various wards to be made soon.

The January Stake Committee meeting will be held in the LDS Institute, with a recreational period Friday, January 13.

Encouragement and plans for assisting the Lamba Roe Chi girls' Genealogical organization in the Berkeley.. Stake,.. were.. outlined with the president of the club an active member of the Stake committee.

The Constitution of United States! Will the Time Come When the Saints Will Save It If It Is Saved At All?

The question has arisen and we have been asked to quote some authority on the point raised. We can refer to President John Taylor's Gospel Kingdom page 219, and the Journal of Discourses 21:8, Aug. 31, 1879:

"When the people shall have torn to shreds the Constitution of the United States the Elders of Israel will be found holding it up to the nations of the earth, and proclaiming liberty and equal rights to all men."

Furthermore we can refer to the words of Brigham Young as found in the Discourses of Brigham Young, pages 360, 361; and the Journal of Discourses 12:204:

"The Saints will yet save the Constitution of the United States. How long will it be before the words of the prophet Joseph Smith will be fulfilled? He said if the Constitution of the United States were saved at all it must be done by this people. It will not be many years before these words come to pass."

And more from the same Church leader and prophet in Journal Discourses 2:182:

"When the Constitution of the United States hangs as it were upon a single thread, they will have to call for the "Mormons" Elders to save it from utter destruction, and they will step forth and do it."

Live a LIFE; do not only get a living.

Eugene and Ruth Hilton Leave on Mission

Patriarch Eugene Hilton and his wife Ruth will be given a farewell party in the Oakland chapel, Wednesday, January 17 at 8 p.m. Under the auspices of the Dimond ward and Bishop Elmo R. Smith, the program is to include music by the Mormon Male Chorus, and talks by former stake president, W. Aird Macdonald, Delbert F. Wright and W. Glenn Harmon.

Elder Hilton, former stake president and currently principal of a public school in Oakland, and also head of a special assignment for work on a new social science course of study for the Oakland high and junior high schools, spent the week after Christmas in Utah on business. He will continue his school work up to almost the day of his departure and will then probably have to finish a requested magazine article dealing with the subject he has been specializing in for years, and on which he has published a set of books for use in high schools of the nation. The article will deal with the question—how moral and spiritual themes can be best taught in our schools. Eugene's brother, Vern, spent the Christmas with the Hiltons.

Sister Ruth Hilton reports that she looks forward to a marvelous period of experience, and has no anxieties nor worries over the mission. It is possible, she hopes, that the missionary son, George, in Tahiti may be able to return via England upon his release and join the father and mother and Patricia on the return journey home to Oakland. —photo by Ed Pyle

The BYU Is 'The Lord's University'

The visit of the 50-voice male chorus from the BYU to the east bay and their enthralling program rendered without cost at the Berkeley chapel before a packed audience has put new enthusiasm into the drive for financial response to the church-sponsored effort to complete the enormous BYU fieldhouse which will cost about $1,000,000.

Our good "ole" friend and BYU-er, J. Edward Johnson, is the smiling head and receiver of contributions in the bay area. One could not do anything in the world that would do more good and please "J. Ed" more than to send in some big or little "contrib" to this worthy cause.

And if one does it now, so much the better. The idea is to strike hard while the iron is hot, that is, while the interest is high to see this giant of a structure completed now that is has gotten underway. The church is putting up half of the cost and asking "us" to get under the other $500,000. And "we" as a people have a way of doing the grand thing in a grand way on such occasions, as everyone knows.

LDS INSTITUTE

Now that Institute students at the University in Berkeley have finished their third trip to the Rose Bowl, they can settle down to studying for their final examinations. The Fall semester always is the most fun, and the most difficult for studies.

Aside from religious study at the Institute, there is a very fine opportunity to study LDS history at the Universiy itself. The University libraries have a collection of material on the "Mormons" equalled or surpassed by only two or three other places, including libraries and collections in Utah.

In recent years, many students have received master's and doctor's degrees here through research on LDS history at the U. C. For example, Milton Hunter, George Ellsworth and Richard Poll. Their written theses also form a part of the many hundreds of works which may be consulted in the great U. C. library on western history.

The collection represents acquisitions over a very long period of time and from many sources: from the historian, Bancroft; from early presidents of the Church, bearing their autographs; from private sources such as the Summerhays family, which has placed books in many other libraries, such as the Oakland library.

Readers of the Messenger may be interested to know that any person may consult most of the material in the library free.

Just as a curiosity, one wonders how many have noticed the striking similarity between the angel on the south side of the architecture building on the US campus and the angel Moroni statute on the Salt Lake Temple? This life-sized angel differs only in that he is flying instead of standing. Perhaps this angel was inspired, also, by the bibical verse, "And I saw another fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth. . . "—Neil Christensen.

SWEETHEART BALL

Doris June Miner; Reed B. Harker —photo by Ed Pyle

On February 16, 1951, in the Scottish Rite auditorium, Oakland and Berkeley stakes will hold their annual "Sweetheart" ball. Everyone is invited and urged to attend. Engaged and just-married couples from both stakes will be honored.

Doris June Miner and Reed B. Harker of Berkeley shown, above, will be the feted ones. These young people typify our church standards and ideals. They both maintain active participation in all church functions. Reed returned from his mission to France just a year ago. He is now attending the University of California, studying acoustical engineering.

Doris June is also a Cal student. Already she has her bachelor's degree in education but plans to remain in school at least one more year to obtain her teaching certificate.

Doris June and Reed will be married Jan. 23 in Mesa temple, thus making it possible to be "sweethearts" forever.